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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

In re: A non-provisional patent application entitled CONTINUOUSLY CONNECTED FASTENER STOCK AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME.

Applicants: WILLIAM J. COOPER, THOMAS SHILALE AND STEVEN FLANNERY

Included are: A specification of 34 pages with 8 independent claims and 53 claims total, 18 sheets of drawings, A Request and Certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i), a transmittal letter and a return postcard.

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